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Golden Apple Scholars Program



Thank you for your support of the Golden Apple Scholars Program. Twenty 2007 high school graduates from all over New Mexico participated in this year's summer institute and are now in their first semester of college, with a goal of becoming teachers in New Mexico.

Golden Apple Scholars in Las Cruces...

...at New Mexico State University

- Krystal Chavarria (Oñate High School graduate)
- Cassandra de la Rosa (Oñate High School graduate)
- Andrea Garcia (Highland High School graduate, Albuquerque)
- Danielle Gurnea (Mayfield High School graduate)
- Megan Ketelboeter (Hot Springs High School graduate, T or C)
- Joshua Martinez (Española Valley High School graduate)
- Lydia Sanchez (Oñate High School graduate)
- Stephanie Weinkauff (Grants High School graduate)

...at Doña Ana Community College

- Ruben Ortiz (Santa Teresa High School graduate, and President of their Future Educators chapter)

Golden Apple Scholars in other postsecondary institutions...

...at the University of New Mexico

- Jessica Becenti (Tohatchi High School graduate)
- Erica Gonzales (Cibola High School graduate, Albuquerque)
- Ramona Jacquez (Cuba High School graduate)
- Amanda Montoya (Robertson High School graduate, Las Vegas)
- Brianna Owens (Rio Rancho High School graduate)
- Eve Ahern Wild (Albuquerque High School graduate)

...at New Mexico Tech

- David Swift (Los Lunas High School graduate)

...at San Juan College

- Karen Jackson (Bloomfield High School graduate)
- Jamie Strickler (Farmington High School graduate)

...at CNM

- Charles Padilla (East Mountain High School graduate)

...at Santa Fe Community College

- Gabrielle Salazar (St. Michael's High School graduate)

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Thanks to legislative funding in FY07, these Pathway Scholars participated in a 6-week institute this past summer that included:

- Science immersion to increase their own content knowledge and to help them prepare hands-on science lessons;
- Teaching hands-on science lessons to students in City of Albuquerque Community Centers;
- Full-time, on-site mentoring by Golden Apple Award winners;
- Afternoon seminars on teaching and getting ready for college, taught by Golden Apple teachers.

The major part of the funding provided covers stipends to the Scholars (which they can apply to college expenses), room and board for them during the institute, and stipends to the mentors and seminar instructors.

Thanks to legislative funding in FY08:

- These Scholars will be back for a second summer institute, which will include additional teaching experience and afternoon seminars, with an emphasis on assessing student learning;
- We will bring in a new class of 64 Scholars from May 2008 high school graduates, for the same 6-week institute our first group had this past summer;
- We have 2 groups of Teaching Scholars, one group in their first year and one group in their second year of teaching. These Teaching Scholars participated in summer institutes in 2006 and 2007. They now are receiving professional development as part of a statewide professional learning community of Golden Apple master teachers, as well as supplementary mentoring as needed from Golden Apple teachers.

Our goal is to provide annual summer institutes for Pathway Scholars throughout their college preparation. As they progress in their teacher preparation programs, the Golden Apple summer institutes will provide teaching experience in which they assume increasing responsibilities in working with children.

Once each group graduates and becomes licensed, our goal is to provide Teaching Scholars with mentoring and professional development designed to improve their classroom effectiveness and to move them successfully from Level I to Level II licensure.

Thank you for your continuing investment in New Mexico's next generation of teachers.

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